

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-19 and 21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 9 and 15, cancel claims 1-8 and 20 and add claim 21.

The drawings were objected to because Figs. 1A-5J were not designated as --Prior Art--, and because Figures 6A-6H and 7-9 were not clear so that the reference numerals could not be read. Applicants have amended Figs. 1A-5J to be properly designated as --Prior Art--. In addition, Applicants submit herewith formal replacement sheets including Figs. 1A-9, so that all of the figures are clear and all of the reference numerals can be read. Applicants certify that no new matter has been added to the replacement sheets of Figs. 1A-9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 9-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner, and have canceled claim 20. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 9-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,635,957. Claim 20 has been canceled. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 9-19.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of commonly owned **U.S. Patent No. 6,635,957**.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,635,957.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of Drawings include changes to Figs. 1A-5J, and formal sheets of drawings including Figs. 1A-9. The sheets, which include Fig. 1A through Fig. 9, replace the original sheets including Fig. 1A through Fig. 9.

Attachment: Fifteen (15) Replacement Sheets.

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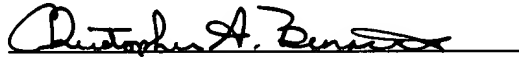
that Claim 9 is allowable. Claims 10-19 and 21 depend upon claim 9, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 9 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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